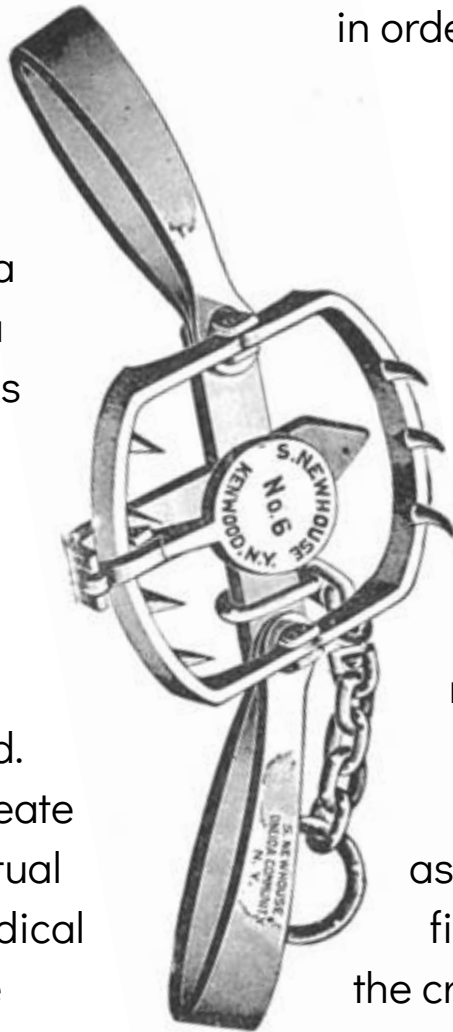


T.R.A.P.S MANIFESTO

TRAPS is a separatist collective by and for trans*, transsexual, transvestite, trans fem and trans women. Our organization calls for resistance and action against transmisogyny, transphobia, capitalism, colonialism, racism, ableism, and this society that wants us either in the closet or dead.

We are convinced that organizing autonomously is a necessity and a warning to a revolutionary left that silences us in the name of unity, reflecting nothing but its transmisogyny.

We refuse to continue to die alone, isolated and displaced. This is why TRAPS calls to create and unite our strength in mutual aid networks and through radical solidarity. We are well aware of the limits of the welfare state, which contents itself in barely supporting some of us while letting others die. Only our solidarity will allow us to move beyond surviving and towards living.



In opposition to the liberal political agenda and its identity politics that capitalizes on the so-called inclusion of some, we will be loud, outrageous, and out of control. This is why we will recycle and warp slurs that the cisheteropatriarchy throws at us: in order to disarm the system and its relentless processes of regulatory shame.

Our goal is to reclaim our bodies and lives, and to build our collective powers. We struggle towards a movement which will be radical and free from reappropriation by political parties. We don't exist for your voyeuristic eyes or as your fetishistic objects. We figure the mystical fault line, the crack in your binary thinking. Our existence is a manifestation, a riot smashing through the windows of your very quiet identities.

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